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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Tribus

Thanks for sending me the copy of your article on hurricanes. We shall have to wait and see what reaction it engenders. Shall we be disappointed if there is no reaction? **

Kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Any to you?

None yet./ After 20 years of neglect, why should it become a subject of knowledgeable public reaction now -- and it won't until a Ralph Nader or a Congressman pushes very hard and emotionally at it!

Again, though, I am sorry that a key ******* postulation was deleted. (By and large, but not always, the 'editors' have been pretty wise about the way in which such material is going to be perceived by the readers.) My main anxiety is for the headlines, but these had gone fairly well lately too.)

Spresuit example excepted!!

P.S. What is the empirical MEX dispersion of points of coastal intersection of hurricanes from predictions made as of the time one would attempt to seed them?

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